

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 18, 2018– 1:00 p. m.
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p. m. by Chairperson Dr. Bradley Layfield.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Stan Waterman, Dr. Matthew Donovan, Gary Cimaglia, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Robert Cilento, Robert Watson, Mike Hart, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Mike Breeding, Dr. Mervin Daugherty, Vetra Evans-Gunter, Douglas Thompson, and Dr. Bradley Bley. Thomas Neubauer, Executive Director, Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, and DIAA staff Terre Taylor and Tina Bates were also in attendance. Ted Laws, Susanne Williams, Dr. Evelyn Edney, Bruce Harris, Leroy Mann, and Jeremy Jeanne were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried unanimously, 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Daugherty, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 – no.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA December 14, 2017 Board Meetings

Ms. Evans-Gunter made a motion to approve the December 14, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a vote of 11 – yes (Donovan, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Thompson and Bley), 0 – no and 2 – abstentions (Waterman and Daugherty).

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Neubauer reported on the DIAA budget and commented that there was a \$45,985 profit at this time. Mr. Neubauer reported that all fall tournament expenses and income have been accounted for. Dr. Donovan made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried unanimously, 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Daugherty, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 – no.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Neubauer reported that there are 8 sanctioned events before the Board for approval –Indoor Track: 24th US Army Hispanic Games (1/5/18); Prince George’s Invitational (1/11/18); Montgomery Invitational (1/13/18): Wrestling: Delcastle Invitational (1/5-6/18); Sam Cali Battle for the Belt (1/13-14/18); Legacy Duals (1/27/18): Outdoor Track: Beach Run Invitational (4/6-7/18), Tiger Track Classic (5/7/18). Mr. Neubauer stated that to the best of his knowledge the 8 approved were in compliance with DIAA and NFHS regulations. Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the sanctioned events. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bley and carried unanimously, 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Daugherty, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 – no.

B. Request to Waive 1009.2.4 – Smyrna HS 2017-12-2

This request was withdrawn.

C. Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly

Mr. Neubauer explained that the Delaware law requires that DIAA submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly and provided a draft copy of the 2017 report to all Board members for their review. Board members commented on some editorial changes, adding Dale Farmer’s name to the Sportsmanship Award, as well as commented on raising the DIAA spending limit. Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the report as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimaglia and carried unanimously, 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Daugherty, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 – no.

IV. Board Discussion Items

A. Committees

The board held a discussion on the selection, composition and length of service on DIAA Committees. DIAA Regulation 1006.3.2 deals with Committees. The Board would like this Regulation reviewed. A motion to create an ad hoc Committee to review Regulation 1006.3.3 specifically was made by Mr. Cimaglia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Breeding and carried by a vote of 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson,

Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Daugherty, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 – no.

B. Undue Influence

Mr. Neubauer reviewed undue influence with the Board and reported that the Rules and Regulations Committee is reviewing Regulations 1008-10.0 and 1009-10.0.

C. Follow Up from Morning Session

Mr. Neubauer reviewed the morning athletic director's meeting and reported that all went well and had good discussions with athletic directors. Dr. Fitzgerald recommended recognizing athletic directors that are retiring. The Board discussed a contest for member schools to submit #MyReasonWhy videos.

D. Realignment

Ms. Taylor will reconvene with the Realignment Committee to discuss the input from the Superintendents.

V. Executive Director Report

Mr. Neubauer presented proposed legislative change to Title 14 Section 304 which would permit the Board to establish fees for officiating contests and competitions.

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the proposed legislative change to Title 14 Section 304. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a vote of 12 – yes (Donovan, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Daugherty, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 no.

Ms. Taylor reported on the NIAAA meeting.

Mr. Neubauer reported on the NFHS Winter meeting. Mr. Neubauer commented that the DIAA emergency action plan is in line with all states. Mr. Neubauer also reported that the NFHS Executive Director Bob Gardner was retiring August 1, 2018.

V. Other Items for Discussion

The Board discussed the NFHS Calendar.

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Cilento made a motion to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donovan and carried unanimously, 12 – yes (Donovan, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Daugherty, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, and Bley) and 0 no.

Tina Bates